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1. There is no real basis for comparing blood collection, blood research and blood banks in Hungary on the same level with the blood programs [redacted] A number of factors, of course, influenced such programs in Hungary. /These factors are self-explanatory below / [redacted]

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2. For many years, particularly in the villages, the usual method of blood transfusions [from donors] prevailed. The situation had not changed [redacted]

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3. The fact that Hungary has always lacked money has curtailed the country-wide establishment of blood banks. Nevertheless, a number of the larger cities have blood banks available:

- a. Budapest - the Red Cross handles the entire program
- b. Szeged - the University Hospital
- c. Debrecen - the University Hospital
- d. Pecs - the University Hospital
- e. Miskolc - the City Hospital
- f. Dicsogyor - the City Hospital
- g. Szatmari - the City Hospital

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- (1) The Red Cross which is located at 1 Gyuri Ut in Buda, does not provide blood for all segments of the population. [redacted] its blood bank was utilized solely by the military forces of Hungary.
4. In Hungary, blood plasma plays a secondary role. Actually dried and pulverized blood are stored in larger quantities than plasma. Such blood is stored in vacuum containers.
5. Perhaps the only individual of note who confines his efforts to blood research is Dr Bela Petrolffy Szabo, M D. During World War II, and since its termination, he has directed blood research programs. Dr Szabo [redacted] is at the University of Budapest medical School and that he works at the First Surgical Clinic. During World War II the Hungarian Army, which fought on the USSR front, had only one "blood" man in its entire military medical corps. This doctor was Dr Bela Petrolffy Szabo. [redacted] he is an anti-Communist with a keen appreciation of western medicine and life.
6. [redacted] that after Hungary fell to Soviet and Communist domination no emphasis was placed on blood banks. As a matter of fact, Hungarian M D's in general prefer the direct transfusion method /donor/. Red Cross chapters in the villages, as well as local hospitals, routinely check and type blood for donor purposes. Such potential donors are carried on the rolls of the aforementioned institutions. The attitude of the government, premised upon the above facts, is thus expressed: "Since we have potential donors and sources, why should we establish expensive blood banks?"
7. The only blood bank available to Hungarian military forces [redacted] is the one located at Budapest in the Red Cross Building.

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